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Subject: 14th floor Library and Bathroom spaces comparisons and concerns
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 9:56:21 AM

Joyce & Sheila,

Thanks to the water leaks on the 15th floor and the leaking water through 14th floor ceiling tiles, the men's bathroom on 14th floor has been closed for repairs, and I was forced to find new bathrooms on the floor. That led me to finding the handicap bathroom on 14th floor which I had not previously seen since it is behind closed door. It was interesting to note that this bathroom is 11 feet by 8 feet (88 feet squared), has much unused space, and is much larger than the new REU "library" space which is 8 feet by 7 feet (56 squared feet). Perhaps we should consider using some of the empty space in the handicap bathroom as backup space to make up for some of the lack of useful library space? It could provide reading material related to EPA business for those who use bathroom.

In addition, during that same period of flooding and floor exploration I noticed and measured the wasted area along the printer zone. This area has filing cabinets in the lower couple of feet, and is 15 feet of basically useless space (about six feet?) above the shelf and filing cabinets. Again, this is a design problem for an office which is badly in need of filing space. Note that we lost a large number of linear feet of useful file space and do not seem to be on a path to regain that type of useful file storage space.

Not sure what else to bring up at this time as some of us sit with boxes and crates scattered around the 14th floor and cubicles while looking for useful storage space. This should be of concern to the management, but I have not seen much discussion on this topic after the big push to recycle and move out of the 9th floor and rolling files.

Since I had not found the handicap bathroom up to this new flooding event, and since I still have not looked around much of the closed off areas in the floor I am sending this email to document my latest finding to the management, in case you have not seen that space for yourself. I suggest that we need to keep thinking of ways to make this new floor more useful to the workers and the needs of the EPA mission, even if it takes some energy away from making the floor look neat and pretty to appeal to the LEED issues which seem to be a high preference for discussion and email information.

Please let me know your reaction to these issues I am raising.

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From: Voytilla, Marykay
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2014 5:37 PM
Subject: Update: Water leak on Floor 15

This message sent to Seattle office employees.

This is an update to Tim Hamlin's message below regarding a water leak on the 15th floor. Late in the day on Thursday, August 14 a pipe burst in the sink in the men's restroom on the 15th floor. This occurred while a fixture was being replaced. That incident resulted in some flooding in the SE corner of the 15th floor, in the same area on the 14th floor, and some associated dampness in a few areas on some additional floors. Washington Holdings responded overnight on the 14th and 15th floors to remove water from carpeting, install blowers, and remove ceiling tiles to investigate and dry out impacted areas. In addition, a professional water restoration company was brought on board by Washington Holdings today in order to ensure a rapid and complete recovery. Recovery work is expected to be ongoing throughout the weekend.

A special thanks goes out to the OEA staff who were working on the 14th floor today as restoration work was ongoing. Your cooperation was greatly appreciated. We are so sorry for this inconvenience.

As a result of this incident, we have delayed the move of OAWT staff to their new home on the 15th floor by one day, until Tuesday, August 19. While we regret this delay and the associated inconvenience, it will ensure a safe working environment when the new floor is occupied.

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From: Hamlin, Tim

Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 5:16 PM

Subject: Water leak on Floor 15

This message sent to Seattle office employees.

Hello everyone,

Earlier this afternoon, we experienced a significant water leak on the 15th floor, where staff from OAWT were in the process of moving onto the floor. In addition, staff in the Office of Environmental Assessment were also affected by the large volume of water that migrated to a large portion of the southeast section of the 14th Floor. In addition to the water/moisture issues affecting primarily floors 15 and 14, there is a disruption of some water service on other floors.

Building management has stopped the leak and has begun addressing its impacts. We do not know at the moment how quickly the service interruption will continue, but expect that service will be restored within hours. We expect to provide additional information tomorrow.

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